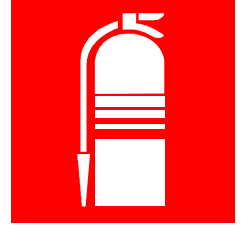




Fire Extinguishers

From the Houston Fire Department



Placement of Fire Extinguishers

- * Readily visible
- * Uniformly distributed (throughout structure)
- * Free from blockage by storage and equipment
- * Near normal paths of travel
- * Protected from potential accidental or malicious damage
- * An extinguisher weighing less than 40 pounds should be installed with the top not more than 5 feet from the floor.

Extinguishers have their limits...

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives. However, they are not to fight a large or spreading fire. Even against small fires, they are useful only under the right conditions:

- * An extinguisher must be the right type for the fire. (see below)
- * An extinguisher must be large enough for the fire at hand. It must be readily available and in working order, fully charged.
- * The operator must know how to use the extinguisher quickly.
- * The operator must be strong enough to lift and operate the extinguisher.

Your extinguisher must fit the fire:

- * Type A : Ordinary Combustibles (wood, cloth, rubber, many plastics, etc.)
- * Type B: Flammable Liquids (gasoline and other flammable liquids, oil, grease, tar, oil-based paint, lacquer, and flammable gas.)
- * Type C: Electrical Equipment (energized electrical equipment, including wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers, machinery, and appliances.)
- * Type D: Metal Fires
- * Type K : Kitchen (For use ONLY where cooking equipment involves the use of vegetable or animal oils)

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